

THE REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants are electing Group I, Claims 21-40, and 69-70, which are drawn to a method/electrode protecting layer, for prosecution.

In response to the species election requirement, Applicants are electing carbonaceous conductive particles (including graphite and carbon black).

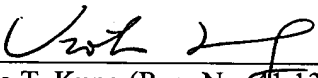
Claims 21, 22, 26-40, and 69-70 read upon the elected species.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR §1.141.

The Examiner has stated that a telephone call was made to Stacy Hegle on 9/22/05 to request an oral election. The Examiner is requested to note the undersigned is the attorney of record, and contact the undersigned for any inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,

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